

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3612**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Healthy South Carolinians 2010 Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3612 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-1-285 which directs the Department of Health & Environmental Control to promote "Healthy South Carolinians 2010" goals and objectives by monitoring and reporting on the status of health disparities between minorities and non-minorities and by working with minority physician networks to achieve certain specified goals.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department indicates it would need one additional Program Coordinator at \$51,785 annually to carry out its responsibilities under the Bill. The Program Coordinator would be responsible for developing and promoting public and private partnerships; promoting research leading to reduced health disparities between minorities and non-minorities; and for collecting, monitoring, evaluating and reporting data that measures progress toward achieving the Healthy South Carolinians 2010 goals.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

DHHS indicates this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds. DHHS reports that it currently implements the Medical Homes Network Program (MHN), which meets the requirements of this Bill. Under the MHN, all entities (including "established minority physician networks") which meet the established MHN requirements are eligible to contract with DHHS.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

Approved by:



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